



### SIGNATURE THEME 3

# Justice, Governance, and Leadership Futures

Walter Sisulu is committed to promoting ethical public leadership, institutional integrity, democratic resilience, and inclusive development. Amid governance instability, rising inequality, and sustained pressure on public institutions, sustainable development rests on capable institutions and principled leadership. The theme integrates law, governance, public administration, leadership studies, education, and the economic and social sciences, and it carries the name of a university founded in the tradition of a leader remembered for discipline and service. Work under this theme reaches from the lecture hall into municipal offices, courts, schools, and traditional councils.

### THIS SIGNATURE THEME POSITIONS WALTER SISULU TO SHAPE:

- Ethical leaders across the public sector, the private sector, and civil society, formed through curricula that treat integrity as a practised skill.
- Governance reform informed by evidence and tested against the conditions of Eastern Cape municipalities and provincial departments.
- Democratic participation and active civic engagement, particularly among young people.
- Institutional resilience and accountability in the systems that serve the Eastern Cape.

### THEMATIC FOCUS AREAS

**Democratic governance**

**Ethical leadership**

**Social and economic justice**

**Peace and security**

## What each faculty contributes to this Signature Theme

**JUSTICE, GOVERNANCE, AND LEADERSHIP FUTURES** is delivered through Walter Sisulu's existing academic strengths. Set out under each faculty below are the disciplines, capabilities, and lines of work that faculty brings to the theme. Read together, they show how a single theme mobilises all seven faculties at once..

### **Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences**

Clinical ethics, health rights, and the professional formation of practitioners who lead services under real constraint.

### **Faculty of Natural Sciences**

Environmental governance, the science that underpins regulation, and evidence for the just management of shared resources.

### **Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology**

Infrastructure and digital governance, data protection, and the transparency of the systems through which public services are delivered.

### **Faculty of Law, Humanities and Social Sciences**

Legal scholarship, constitutional and customary law, access to justice, and clinical legal education serving surrounding communities.

### **Faculty of Management and Public Administration Sciences**

Institutional accountability, municipal capacity, public sector leadership development, and the practice of ethical administration.

### **Faculty of Economics and Financial Sciences**

Financial accountability, public finance and audit, procurement integrity, and the economics of inclusive development.

### **Faculty of Education**

Civic education, school leadership, and the formation of teachers who model ethical judgement for the next generation.

